Grand County Economic Events

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Widening work, from two-lanes to four-lanes, on an 8-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 191 north of Moab will begin this summer. The project will extend from Potash Road (Utah Highway 267) to the Dead Horse Point road (Utah Highway 313), including major work in Moab Canyon and a new entrance road for Arches National Park. The \$17-million project will continue until summer 2004. *Times-Independent, 4/10/2003; Deseret News, 4/20/2003*

If President Bush's 2004 budget is approved, funding for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Essential Air Service program (EAS) could be cut by 56 percent. If that occurs, air service to Moab would probably cease since the city/county are not in a position to pick up the costs to retain air services. Times-Independent, 4/10/2003

The Moab Area Partnership for Seniors (MAPS) obtained \$2.0 million in grants and loans from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Board for the building of a new Senior/Community Center. Construction is slated to begin later in 2003. *Times-Independent*, 3/13/2003

The 2002 Utah Legislature cut \$2 million from the College of Eastern Utah's (CEU) \$13 million budget, and the fall out from that is the closure of CEU's Moab campus in May.

Salt Lake Tribune, 1/31/2003; Deseret News, 2/10/2003

The U.S. Congress approved the 2003 spending bill. Included in the fund were \$5.6 million for a new visitor center at Arches National Park, as well as \$837,000 for new highway entrance. Also, \$4.1 million for Department of Energy studies on Atlas uranium mill clean-up proposals.

Deseret News, 2/14/2003; Salt Lake Tribune, 2/15/2003

Russell Corp., acquired the trademarks of Jagged Edge Mountain Gear giving new life to the Moab Company. Russell will use the name and trademark on outdoor goods. Moab will continue as a wholesale outlet for the firm. Salt Lake Tribune 1/24/2003